

REMARKS

Pursuant to MPEP § 1452, the present Reply is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") so that the applicants can present additional claims. An Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted with this Reply.

Claim Status

Claims 1-27 and 29-78 are pending, claim 28 is canceled. Claims 1-27 and 29-36 are allowed. Claims 37-95 are new claims being added by the present amendment.

Claims 12 and 25 have been amended to correct a grammatical error, specifically, the article "an" has been inserted before "apparatus" in each claim.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(c), support for the new claims relative to the specification in the issued patent (US 6,553,604) is as follows:

Claim 37, see, for example, column 2, lines 25-40 and Fig. 1.

Claim 38, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-40 and Fig. 1.

Claim 39, see, for example, column 2, lines 28-33.

Claim 40, see, for example, column 4, lines 2-4 .

Claim 41, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-40.

Claim 42, see, for example, column 2, lines 63-65, column 3 lines 25-26, and Figs. 2-3

Claim 43, see, for example, column 3, lines 47-48, Fig. 3, and Fig. 5.

Claim 44, see, for example, column 3, lines 48-49 and Fig. 3.

Claim 45, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-26, and Figs. 2-3.

Claim 46, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 47, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 48, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 49, see, for example, column 3, lines 21-23.

Claim 50, see, for example, column 2 lines 34-40, column 3, lines 20-26, and column 3, line 61 through column 4, line 18.

Claim 51, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-36, and Fig. 1.

Claim 52, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-40, and column 3, line 62 through column 4, line 2.

Claim 53, see, for example, column 2, lines 65-67, column 3, lines 25-26, and Figs. 2-3.

Claim 54, see, for example, column 3, lines 46-54, Fig. 3, and Fig. 5.

Claim 55, see, for example, column 3, lines 48-50, column 3, lines 55-60, and Fig. 3.

Claim 56, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-26, and Figs. 2-3.

Claim 57, see, for example, column 2, lines 28-33, and Fig. 1.

Claim 58, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 59, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 60, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 61, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-23, and column 4, lines 7-10.

Claim 62, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-23, and column 4, lines 16-18.

Claim 63, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-34, and Fig. 2.

Claim 64, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-40, and Fig. 1.

Claim 65, see, for example, column 2, lines 28-33, and Fig. 1.

Claim 66, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-40, column 4, lines 2-4.

Claim 67, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-40.

Claim 68, see, for example, column 2, lines 63-65 and Figs. 2-3.

Claim 69, see, for example, column 2, lines 46-54, Fig. 3, and Fig. 5.

Claim 70, see, for example, column 3, lines 48-50, and column 3, lines 55-60.

Claim 71, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 72, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 73, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 74, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-23, and column 4, lines 16-18.

Claim 75, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-38, column 3, lines 20-26, column 3, lines 43-46, column 4, lines 2-4, and Figs. 2-3.

Claim 76, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-38, and Fig. 1.

Claim 77, see, for example, column 2, lines 28-33.

Claim 78, see, for example, column 2, lines 34-40.

Claim 79, see, for example, column 3, lines 47-54, and Fig. 3.

Claim 80, see, for example, column 3, lines 48-49, and Fig. 3.

Claim 81, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 82, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 83, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 84, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-23, and column 4, lines 16-18.

Claim 85, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-34, column 4, lines 2-4, and Figs. 4-5.

Claim 86, see, for example, column 2, lines 24-38, and Fig.1.

Claim 87, see, for example, column 2, lines 28-33, and Fig.1.

Claim 88, see, for example, column 4, lines 2-4.

Claim 89, see, for example, column 2, lines 37-39.

Claim 90, see, for example, column 2, lines 65-67, column 3, lines 25-27 , and Figs. 2-3.

Claim 91, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-34, and Figs.2-3.

Claim 92, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 93, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 94, see, for example, Fig. 1.

Claim 95, see, for example, column 3, lines 20-25, and column 4, lines 16-18.

Supplemental Oath/Declaration

The only issue outstanding in the Action was the requirement of a supplemental reissue oath/declaration. Because new claims 37-95 are now being presented for examination, we request that the submission of the supplemental reissue oath/declaration be deferred until all claims are indicated as being allowable.

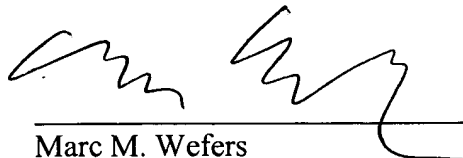
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Reissue

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$3,950.00 for excess claim fees and a check in the amount of 1,020.00 for the Petition for Extension of Time. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing 00216-638001.

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